

Lester Guard Station, Warehouse/Storehouse
(Gas and Oil House, Bldg. No. 2532)
Forest Service Road No. 45
Lester
King County
Washington

HABS No. WA-172D

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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STATE Washington		COUNTY King County	TOWN OR VICINITY Lester
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Warehouse/Storehouse (Source: USDA Forest Service, Correspondence May 30, 1933 and July 25, 1933)			HABS NO. WA-172-D
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Gas and Oil House (Bldg. #2532)			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Lots 15 & 16, Block D, near Forest Service Road #45, Section 23, Township 20N, Range 10E.			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c.1932 (Source: USDA Forest Service sketch maps, Dec. 13, 1932.)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not applicable	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Gas and Oil House is part of the Lester Guard Station which is an intact example of a transitional USDA Forest Service facility that possesses strong historical associations with early Forest Service administration and also reflects the depression-era development (cont)			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Vernacular/utilitarian			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood frame (2x4) on concrete slab on grade construction. Corrugated sheet metal siding over lapped exterior sheathing. Corrugated sheet metal roofing over strip sheathing.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) One story, rectangular (12'x16') per sketch plan.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Exterior cladding and roofing varies from typical exterior materials on the other Guard Station buildings. Gabled roof includes typical exposed rafter ends and kneebraces. Windows are typical six-light vertical hopper type which match those in place on the Bunkhouse and Warehouse. A large five-panel door is located (cont)			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) One room with storage shelf loading dock door level per sketch plan. Room is unfinished with exposed wall and roof structure on concrete slab floor. A small built in writing shelf is adjacent to entry door.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES No major alterations or additions appear to have been made to this building. A small exterior loading dock has been removed from the side elevation.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Fair; paint and sheet metal deterioration, cracked and broken window glazing putty. The future of this building is uncertain. The Washington State (cont)			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Construction of kneebraces is similar although simpler than those in place on the Bunkhouse and Warehouse. Limited examination indicates that corrugated sheet metal siding and roofing are original building fabric. Use of this material reflects the purely utilitarian purposes and use of the building.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Property records, Lease Agreements, general USFS correspondence. Unpublished documents in files of USDA Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Seattle, WA.			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Katheryn H. Krafft, Architectural Researcher			DATE November 1985

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COMMON NAME: Gas and Oil House

SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

of Forest Service policy and the accomplishments of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued)

at a former loading area on the side elevation. A small gas tank shelter, constructed with atypical materials is located in close proximity to the building.

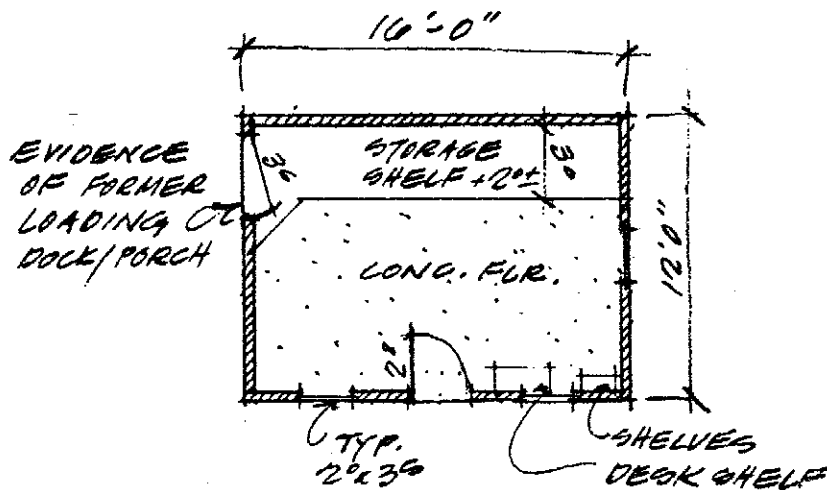
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE (continued)

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may use it periodically for fire protection purposes in the future. This building is currently vacant and not in use.

GAS AND OIL HOUSE (BLOG#2532)

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NOTE: PAINT IS
BROWN OCHRE & RED.
ROOF: BLUE

